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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled MASS FLOW HOPPER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE in the name of the following inventors: Thomas W. Hedrick and Jason P. South.

Enclosed are the following:

- X A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising thirty-one (31) pages.
- X Nine (9) sheets of drawings.
- X A joint signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- X An Assignment conveying the invention from Jason P. South to Phillip Barry South, including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- X An Assignment conveying an undivided interest in the invention from Thomas W. Hedrick to Phillip Barry South, including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- X A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.

_____ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

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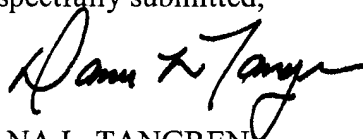
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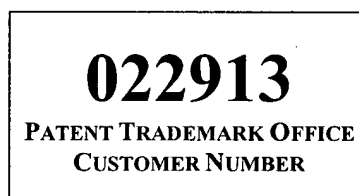
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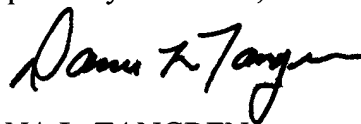
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